GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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TELECAST OF HINDI FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindi Films shown by Doordarshan in each of the last three yearswithout having rights approved by the producer of the Film;

(b) the number of complaints received from producers of such films during the said period;

(c) the details of amount of compensation paid by the Government to each producer; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against the officials responsible for such lapses in each case?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) : Nil, Sir. Prasar Bharati has intimated that Doordarshan takes Hindi featurefilms from marketing agents on minimum guarantee basis. The marketing agents are responsible for acquiring the rights from the producers and they provide Doordarshan with an Indemnity Bond and affidavit against any litigation or claim for the rights of the films.

(b): Two such complaints were received in Doordarshan and both have been forwarded to the marketing agents for settlement of dispute.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.